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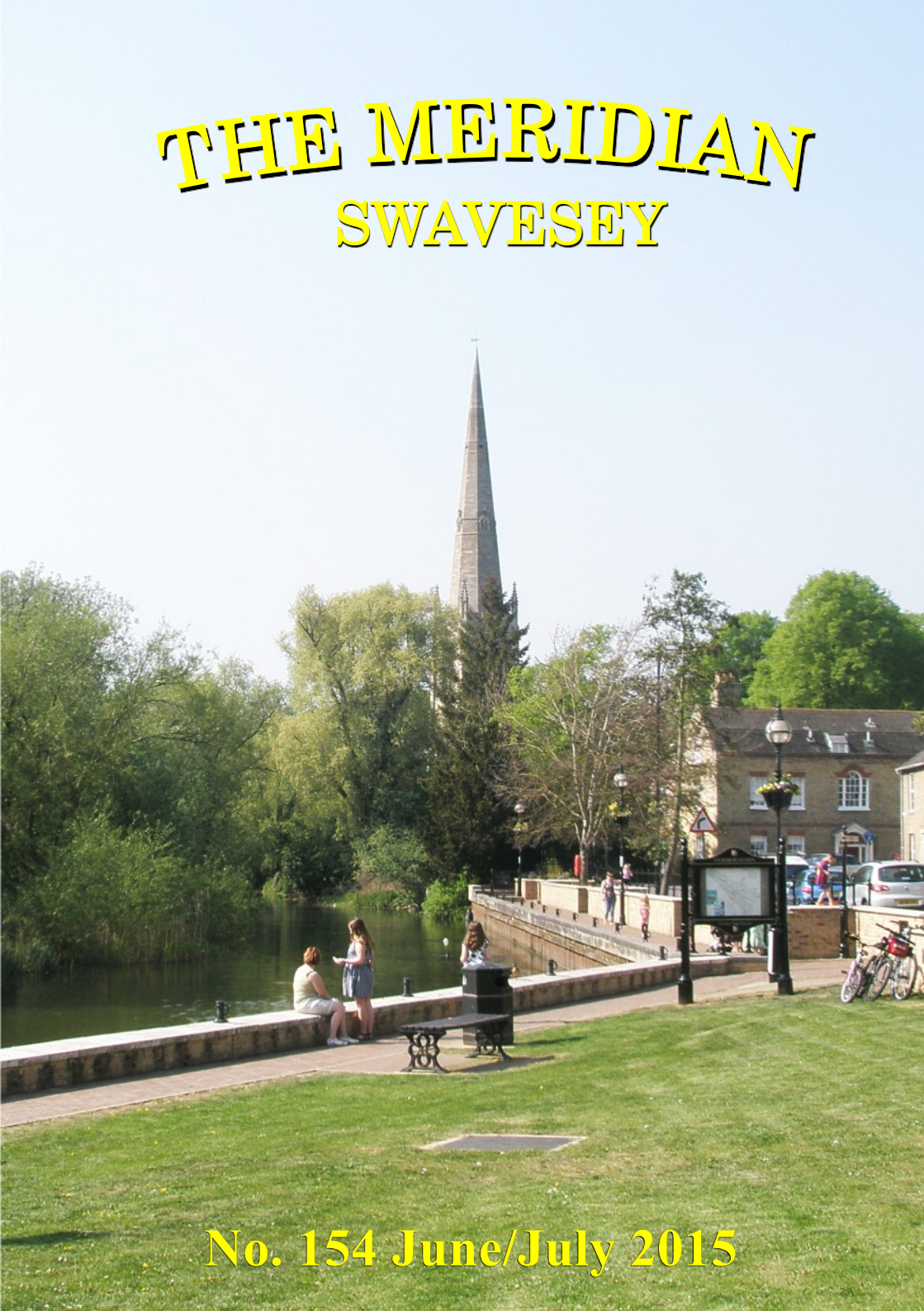

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EDITORIAL

High Summer! well June anyway and we look forward to lovely summer evenings in the garden- maybe a barbeque? but please think of your neighbours and do not smoke them out! We hope you have been able to enjoy the new bench at Swan Pond, and that you have seen the new noticeboard at the busway stop. We were awarded a grant towards the cost of this by the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership and there is a leaflet with details of all the footpaths available from local shops in Market St and you can download to a smart phone from the board -look for the symbol. We need to say a very big THANK YOU to Rob Wills who designed the map on the board and also my thanks to Alan Morris and Linda Miller for helping me sort out the leaflet. Our Dynamic Duo of Edwin Parish and Selwyn Richardson did the heavy work digging the holes and mixing cement.

No excuse for you not to get out and explore Swavesey and its surrounds, take advantage of the light evenings and the sunny days and find out more about our village.

Reminder.....Don't forget to go to the college on the 14th June lots going on.

Deadline for the August/September issue is **20th June**.
Editor

Cover Photo - 'The Waits and parish church at St Ives' by Peter Martin

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details. A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the magazine and also on our website at www.swavesey.org.uk

2015

Sunday, June 21, Spartens Day 11.00am - 5.00pm on the Village Green, Neil Jordison, (01954) 204390

Saturday, July 4, Q.E.D @ The Swavesey Windmill
Tickets £8 each phone 01954 232247
Lisa Boyes, (01954) 232603

Tuesday, July 21, North Swavesey History Walk - meet at 7.00pm at the Swavesey Guided Bus Stop. There will be no charge for this event but, to give an idea of numbers attending, please phone Christine and Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974 to book places, Selwyn Richardson, (01954) 202974

Saturday, September 12, Big Band Concert in a giant marque on The Green
The Blues Brothers and full supporting cast, Simon Shore, (01954) 230848

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Wednesday 3	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 5	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to RSPB Ouse Fen – Over, with Hannah Bernie. Meet at Over Community Centre Car Park at 2.15pm
Wednesday 10	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 17	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 20	RAF Wyton	Pathfinder March will pass through Swavesey, it covers a 46 mile circular walk linking the four historic Pathfinder airfields of Wyton, Graveley, Oakington and Warboys.
Sunday 21	Swavesey Spartans Football Club	Spartans Day 11.00am - 5.00pm on the Village Green
Wednesday 24	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
July		
Wednesday 1	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Thursday 2	Swavesey Spartans Football Club	Swavesey Spartans 2015/16 Signing On Evening. From 1800hrs at Swavesey Pavilion, Swavesey Green
Friday 3	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Everyone Welcome to a 'Bring & Share' Salad Supper at 6.30pm in The Barn at Striplands Farm - Longstanton. £5 per person or a contribution of food and drink and a raffle prize. Please telephone Christine Shephard on 01954 781625
Saturday 4	Swavesey Windmill	Q.E.D @ The Swavesey Windmill. Tickets £8 each phone 01954 232247.
Wednesday 8	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 15	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Saturday 18	Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Visit to Flower Meadows – Over with Trevor Grange. Meet at Car Park next to Over Windmill at 2.15pm
Tuesday 21	Selwyn Richardson	North Swavesey History Walk - meet at 7.00pm at the Swavesey Guided Bus Stop.. This will be a free event but, to give an idea of numbers attending, please phone Christine and Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974 to book places.
Wednesday 22	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Wednesday 29	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection

CLUB REPORTS

KEEP CALM
AND
PLAY TENNIS
AT
SWAVESEY AND OVER TENNIS CLUB

Complete beginners and experienced players welcome.
Annual membership from less than £1/week.

Please contact Gill: 07548 653549 (gwloislane@googlemail.com) or Andy: 01954 231669 (ajs40@cam.ac.uk) for further details.

Swavesey Community Choir

Thank you to everyone for coming to our last concert. We really hope you enjoyed the music.

We are now rehearsing for our Summer concert which will be in June. We are planning a joint concert with Kate Woolf so look out for the local publicity and take a look at the website

We also have a Facebook page so please have a look at that for concert information and like us on there.

Please do come along and support your community choir.

Please take a look at our website for details of the choir, past performances and future plans www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk.

We are delighted to welcome several new members to the choir but we are always looking for new members, particularly younger members, so why not come along and give it a try. We are a very friendly bunch meeting every Wednesday during term time at Swavesey Village College from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm Please contact me if you have any questions: Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095.

Happy Singing ☺

Swavesey WI

Dates for your Diary
June 8 A talk by Alice, new Community Warden for Swavesey
July 13 A Cookery Demonstration

2015 is the Centenary year of the W I Movement. Swavesey W I are planning a week of celebrations in September to mark this very special year. Please look out for information in the next issue of The Meridian. Swavesey W.I. is now on Facebook, so do look for us there. Our website is as follows- www.swavesey-womens-institute.org.uk. this all makes for a very 21st century W.I. Movement. would you like to be part of our W.I.? We have now got our new programme up and running. We hope there is something for everyone. We meet on the 2nd Monday in the month in the Memorial Hall Swavesey at 7.30pm.

Our weekly Craft Group has proved very successful, held every Monday afternoon 1.30-3.30pm in the Memorial Hall. It is open to anyone interested in Crafts, Chat and Cups of Tea!!!. We can be found running the Compass Cafe at the Bethel Chapel on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Delicious cakes and good coffee, it's a date not to be missed!

For further information please call, Deirdre Burgess 01954 230897

Camera Club Exhibition

The overall favourite image was "Sunrise over Tigray" by Simon Shore. (See inside back cover for a larger image)

Second was Paul Beastall "reflective vole".

Third was jointly Sarah Kelman "Finch Fight" and Joe Sipos with "Old woman in Vietnam".

The external public competition was won by Paul Broom with "Maltese Bus"- (see inside back cover for a larger image).

Swavesey Spartans

The summer is the time for footballers to look back on one season and to look forward to next In the last edition we highlighted the 2014/15 Under 6 players who in 2015/16 will play their inaugural Under 7 season in an organised league by playing games with a squad of 10 players, 5 of whom will be on the pitch at any one time. They experienced interaction with other local teams at the tournament we had the honour of hosting for Cambridgeshire FA in mid May. The boys and girls reflected well on the club and the tournament itself drew praise from all involved. Lets hope the guys at the tournament enjoy their football careers as much as the 2014/15 Under 17s who have completed their final season as Spartans. Well done to all the players and we hope that in the football sense these "boys become men" - come along to Spartans Day on Swavesey Green on 21st June and watch the Under 17s given a fond farewell to Spartans as players. Their coaches Jon Askew, Phil Lewin and Jairo Marin have all made a massive contribution to the development of these young adults; well done guys. We hope the players and coaches retain a link with the club - we have confidence the coaches will when they see the "to do" list that has been dormant at home for the past decade.

Honours don't only fall to players. One of our parents trained to be a referee to support the club his children were playing for and caught the officiating bug. Simon Dawson turns out most Saturday afternoons in the adult leagues. Cambridgeshire FA rewarded Simon for his performances in 2014/15 by selecting him to oversee the Reg Haigh & Arthur Peck County Cup Final in May. Well done Simon, I am sure the guidance you received from the Spartans coaches and supporters on Saturday and Sunday mornings was the key to your success.....

We continued our relationship with the senior Cambridge teams. Cambridge United offered all our players free entry to their 2-2 draw with Accrington Stanley in April with accompanying adults only paying £10 for a prime seat at the Football League 2 game. Our Under 9s were fortunate enough to take part in the mini-league penalty competition at Cambridge City's final Southern Premier League home game of 2014/15; Spartans came a credible 3rd and after showing off their skills in a football stadium with 375 paying spectators.

As mentioned in the last edition both the front and back of the Green were not fit enough to host any mini league games in the second half of 2014/15. Frustrating for our teams and a financial shortfall for Swavesey Pavilion. Spartans commissioned a survey of the Green and the conclusion is the investment required is substantial - it is rumoured to be too much even for our current chairman to fund! More to follow when a way ahead is decided.

Finally, Spartans Day brings down the curtain on one season so come and join us - its on Father's Day as usual. The next season starts less than a fortnight later with "2015/16 Signing On Evening" on Thursday 2nd July at Swavesey Pavilion. If you know of boys or girls who want to play for or train with Spartans please come along and have a chat. The coaches will all be there and coming along does not commit you to anything. If however you are interested but can't make the Evening in early July please use the details in the Club Information section of this Meridian to contact us.

Army Cadet Force

The Chairman of The Royal British Legion, Swavesey Branch welcomes Swavesey Detachment No.2 company, Cambridgeshire ACF. In doing so the opportunities for young people to provide support for the serving forces has expanded tremendously. The Royal British Legion is committed to help serving members, associates and their families, both past and present. This wouldn't be possible without the hard work and dedication from our volunteers and the generous donations. The support is given to help the families etc. of those affected by the hardship of conflicts surrounding us today and from previous centuries, whether direct or not.

R W Bond Chairman
As a committed member of Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force, Swavesey Detachment, I am pleased to know that we, as a detachment, will be affiliated with The Royal British Legion Swavesey Branch. I am especially looking forward to working along side some dedicated volunteers to raise money and awareness for such an outstanding association.

On a personal level, I believe that it's very important to have groups of people who care so much about the wellbeing of those serving in and for our country. Both of my older brothers are serving soldiers in the British Army and I am thankful for all help and support that is available for them, us and others serving and their families.
Cpl White
Swavesey Detachment
2 coy Cambs ACF

Fen Drayton to Felixstowe

Once again we were glad to see so many old friends at our Annual exhibition, especially Larry Amure who opened the show; Larry is a fine photographer himself, now he is retired we hope he will come back to the club. Everyone enjoyed the prints and often it was standing room only in the Audio-visual shows (you might have noticed that these are getting better every year, only last week we came joint first with Ware Camera club for the second time, in the prestigious Felicity Bickley Trophy). The photograph which was voted Best in show was Simon Shore's 'Sunrise over Tigray', second was Paul Beastall's 'Reflective Vole', joint third were Sarah Kelman's 'Finch Fight' and Joe Sipos's 'Old Woman in Vietnam'. There were very many close runners-up, in fact 73 different pictures received at least one vote, so talent must be widely spread throughout the club.
We enjoyed the day but this year we were disappointed in the number of entries for the Open Competition, especially in the children's section. Usually these places are keenly contested. There are so many great photographers out there; what happened? Have you all given up? Are you all confining yourselves to Selfies on your mobile phones? Please give us some feed-back. The winner this year was Paul Broom's ' Maltese Bus'. You will be pleased to hear that sales of calendars and cards for the Arthur Rank Charity took in £110.

There are only a few evenings left on this year's programme. On June 4th we had been looking forward to a talk by our own Kevin Lungham; this was to be an evening on the history of photography with demonstrations of the methods used by the early pioneers. Unfortunately due to an accident Kevin has been incapacitated for some time and has been unable to prepare his talk. We hope he will improve rapidly and he has all our very best wishes. Meanwhile we have been lucky at such short notice to book Richard Cooby, "Moments in Time", discussing landscape, composition and timing. A week later June 11th we will be visited by the president of the East Anglia Federation himself, Bob Norris, who enjoys coming along to meet the members of affiliated clubs. Bob has innumerable letters after his name and has won an astonishing number of awards and medals (gold, silver and bronze) from all over the world. We will see his huge A2 prints and sepia-style images on a wide range of subjects.

We have just one more club competition, a fun evening when we see the results of our Photographic Outings throughout the year, everywhere from Fen Drayton Lakes to Felixstowe. Some of these we have seen already in competitions, such as the stunning shots taken at the Lee Valley White Water Park but on this night, as usual, we expect there to be some hilarious Candid Camera photos, who could resist when so many club members go out en masse on a photo shoot. This is on 18th June.

We have our AGM on 25th June, this is when you have your say; the Committee do listen to your suggestions so don't miss it. July 2nd is the date for our Annual Dinner at Bourn Golf Club, always an enjoyable social event; this year our old friends, Barbie and Russell Lindsey, will distribute the prizes, they can always surprise us. After that we break for the summer, but we do have our Barbecue (date to be announced) in July and we have another Outing planned to Ickworth House on 9th August, plenty of photo-opportunities there.

We meet again September 3rd on our Welcome Evening back in the College; why not come along to meet us. Our numbers grow every year, maybe you will join us too.

Mo Hadfield
Swavesey Camera Club
http://swaveseycameraclub.co.uk

Swavesey & District History Society

Mike Petty at our March meeting was at his entertaining best speaking about Victorian Cambridgeshire in the fifty years around the mid 1830's. He spoke about the rich source of historical information in the Cambridge Collection and was regretful that it is to be moved from the Central Library in Cambridge to a place in Ely.

It was a time of great change in the Fens. The fen folk suffered great poverty. They gained a little from one improvement only to lose out to another. Their way of life was threatened. There were riots in Ely by the desperate labourers of Littleport with not enough pay, and terrible consequences as they were caught, tried by a show trial and hanged. We learned about changes in Ely and the history of the Bedford Rivers. On the one hand the draining of the fens gave both welcome work and better transport, yet the advent of new inventions such as steam pumping and threshing machines put men out of work. Women and children worked in the fields, children too young to work were given opium and left whilst mothers worked.

As the century progressed great strides were made in the Victorian era yet the fortunes of the impoverished rose and fell, with poor health and large families in tiny cottages. The talk was so interesting that this report bare does it justice.

John Clare, known as "The Northamptonshire Peasant Poet" was the subject of our April meeting. He was born to a poor family and struggled in many ways throughout his life with health and poverty but managed to marry, have nine children, and write 3,500 poems descriptive of rural life and scenery, reflecting folk customs of the day and our culture and heritage. We listened to some of his poetry and much enjoyed the talk. There is a John Clare cottage to visit (details can be found online) and his picture hangs in the Portrait Gallery.

19 May 2015 Fenland in the Roman Period

Kasia Gdaniec is Senior Archaeologist in the Historic Environment Team of Cambridge C. C. She is a specialist in wetland archaeology and prehistoric pottery.

16 June 2015 Two of our members will each give a talk about surprises they found researching their family history.

Our meetings are extremely friendly and open to everyone who has an interest in local history. All meetings are held in the Global Resources Room at Swavesey Village College at 7.30 pm.

For more information about the Society contact Carolyn Redmayne (01954 230037) or look at our website www.swavesey.org.uk/history

Hale Road Allotments in the 1900s

The landowner of the 2½ acre allotment site, on the right down Hale Road, is the Thomas Galon charity and during most of the 20th century the entire eleven acre field was under allotments. The original entrance was where the current gate is to the car park and a hard, dirt track went along the eastern hedge to about as far as the present-day allotment plots extend, and then it turned sharp left and went along the back of Freisland Farm. There was an orchard on the site of the current Freisland Farm known as Fowler's Orchard.

The original plots occupying the area of the present-day plots stretched from Hale Road half way to the east-west track whereas the plots to the north of the track extended right to the hedge line at the far end of the field. These northern plots were about 120 yards long and generally measured 45.05 poles (1,362 sq. yards or 1,139 sq. metres – about 9 times larger than today's plots). A lot of the plots were used for growing fruit and vegetables for the plot holders' own consumption but various cash crops were also grown to supplement the family income and these were sent by rail to towns such as London, Nottingham, Derby, Birmingham, Manchester etc.

The method of getting produce to the markets worked extremely well. In addition to the growers in Swavesey there were several in Over who also used the services from Swavesey railway station. There were a number of local carriers (including Messrs. Coulson and Smart) who would collect the packaged produce from the field gate in the early afternoon and take it to the railway station. There it was put on trolleys and wheeled over to the 'down' platform (towards St. Ives) and loaded into the respective destination waggons. The train used to start at Histon and call at Oakington, Longstanton and Swavesey (and maybe St. Ives) and then on to the Whitemoor Marshalling Yard, near March. Here the waggons were shunted to join those from other areas to form trains going to the destination towns and the produce would arrive in the early hours of the next morning for the local wholesalers to collect.

During the last years of railway operation from Swavesey the local Station Masters were Mr. Rivett, Mr. Wakefield and finally Mr. Allendine. The porters were Frank Prior (also Mow Fen crossing keeper), Brian Wake (also Middle Fen crossing keeper) and David Clark. The booking Clerk was John (Jodder) Hodson. The closure of the goods service from Swavesey station coincided with the retirement of some of the local growers. However, Cambridgeshire Growers (a Co-operative) based in Longstanton continued to collect produce and take it by road to the various markets.

From a very early age we were taken to the Hale Road allotments in summer while my mother harvested the gooseberries, strawberries and flowers. Later on I helped my father on his plot with general tasks such as sowing seeds, taking cuttings, harvesting various soft fruit and flowers, hoeing, spraying etc. I do not know exactly when my father (Horace Wright) took on his plot - he could have been a new tenant or he may have taken over the plot from his father, Samuel Wright who died in 1927.

In the later 1950s and 1960s I helped my father more and more as he got older, and I eventually took over the plot after his death in 1973. However, the plot was too big for me to look after properly on my own. At this time many of the plots had become vacant and were taken over by farmers John and George Hodson and they mainly grew cereals. Eventually I was the only plot holder on that northern end of the allotment field and with my one long strip dividing that half of the field into two I decided to relocate to a smaller plot on the southern side of the track, roughly where I still have my plot today more than 40 years later.

My plot at Hale Road allotments in 1976

Some of the people I can remember who also had plots at the same time as my father were: Den Williams, Arthur Hepher, John Hodson, Charlie Harradine, George Hepher, Dudley Nightingale, Cecil Whybrow, George Holmes, Jem Froment, Bobby Wright (father of Warren, landlord at The White Horse until recently), George Oakman, Jim Kester and Don Froment. There always seemed to be someone working down there whatever the time of day.

Most of the original cultivation of the large plots was by digging (using a fork because of the heavy soil), although at times a horse and plough were used. Later on Arthur Hepher purchased an 'iron horse' made by Trusty, and I understand this is still owned locally in 2015. My father purchased a Howard Gem rotovator in 1952 and this is still in working order although it only gets used occasionally now.

As more of the land became used to grow cereal crops, a farmer could drive over the stubble after harvest and deliver loads of farmyard manure directly to the individual plots. This was much better than having it delivered in bulk at one end and having to barrow it all the way down the length of those long plots for spreading.

John Hodson with Polly, allotments 1971

Another thing which I still find most impressive was how the growers received payment for their produce. My father would send some of his produce to a Mr. Willett in Leicester and at the end of each week Mr. Willett would send a cheque to my father by post. The address on the envelope was simply "Mr. H. Wright, Swavesey" and it was delivered by the local postman (Mr. Frank Dodson) on the Monday morning. Just think, delivered 'next day' for the price of a standard stamp (no first or second class post), without a house number, street name or county, and certainly no postcode. This was one of the wonderful services we used to enjoy, and which has long since disappeared.

On a personal note I am pleased that the field is back to its original use, and it is good to hear the sound of the modern plot holders talking together rather than the almost total silence of a few years ago.

Clifford Wright

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL 2016

Registered Charity No. 1128778

18th-25th June 2016

Don't forget the dates for next year's Swavesey Festival.
And don't forget the Big Band Concert on The Green on Saturday 12th September 2015. Full details will follow shortly but make a note in your diary now!

Swavesey Festival 100 Club

Three winners each month receive £60 or £30 or £15. To take part in this popular competition phone Sally Unwin on 01954 230200. Recent winners include:

February 2015

First Prize	£60	Gill Bassett
Second prize	£30	Sue Speachley
Third Prize	£15	Pam Stevens

March 2015

First Prize	£60	Jodder Hodson
Second Prize	£30	Meg Oakman
Third Prize	£15	Vikki Russell

April 2015

First Prize	£60	Pam Stevens
Second Prize	£30	Glyn and Sue Jones
Third Prize	£15	Wendy Norton

www.swaveseyfestival.org.uk

Whitton Close Fire

"I would like to take the opportunity via the pages of your community magazine, to commend the recent actions of the Whitton Close residents.

A local resident was unfortunate enough to have a fire in their property. Thankfully the fire was small and the damage to the property was relatively minor. The occupier concerned was also living with mobility issues.

As soon as it was safe to do so, the local residents rallied round, armed with mops, buckets and brooms to help clear up the damage.

It was heartening to see such a community spirited response and all involved should be very proud of themselves.

If you are aware of any neighbours who may be vulnerable to fire in their home, please contact us on 01480 444500 to request a visit from us to give advice and fit smoke detectors where none are fitted."

Thanks.
Paul Clarke
Community Risk Manager (Hunts and Fenland)
Community Fire Safety Group

Park and Ride charges

Schedule of Charges

All vehicles parking at either of the 2 Busway Park & Ride sites will have a 1 hour free period. This will enable people to drop-off and pick-up for free. Any vehicles staying for more than 1 hour will be liable for a £1 charge. This will be purchased from new ticket machines outside the main building at Longstanton or from the car park/edge of the concourse at St.Ives. These are separate from the existing ticket machines used to purchase the bus ticket on the platforms. The receipt does not need to be displayed in the vehicle.

The £1 ticket will allow for the parking of one vehicle for up to 18 hours.

Should the customer wish to park for longer there is a set tariff of charging as follows:

Between 18 and 24 hours £10
Between 24 and 48 hours £20
Between 48 and 72 hours £30

72 hours is the maximum permitted stay.

Discounts are available for those wishing to purchase parking in advance on-line or via a mobile phone. The prices for between 1 and 18 hours parking are as follows:

Weekly £5 (up to 7 days)
4 Weekly £18
Annual £230

A Bill Per Usage option is now available online which bills automatically, a month in arrears for the number of times a customer has used the car park.

Happy 80th Birthday To Anne Stone On 7th June

The George Long Charity For Swavesey Memorial Hall 2014-2015

This year's project was down to health and safety issues at the Hall, the floor which had been down for over 40 years needed replacing. With grant money from South Cambs District Council, Swavesey Parish Council and our own pocket we were able to change it for a neutral colour.

Bookings for the hall have been increasing especially resident's bookings, which is pleasing to see now that you have a fully functional hall on your doorstep. The Trustees continue towards striving for the Hall to stand on its own without the need for the running grant from the Parish Council. Yet again a further reduction in the grant has already been seen for this next financial year.

The main developments for the Hall this year have been repainting the ladies toilets, replacing some of the guttering and general upkeep of the Hall. It is hoped that over the next few months we will alter the front door as its certainly causing concern for us. We hope to be able to fund the door through grant applications. The Car Park is another area we would like to enhance with some new gravel, and finally a dream is to have a movable large screen for the Main Hall.

Hopefully residents and user groups have appreciated the continuing changes that have been made in the past year and can look forward to more in the future. On behalf of the Trustees I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has used the Hall and for the feedback we have received on improvements we have made this past year.

Will Wright
Chairman
The George Long Charity
memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

The George Long Charity for Swavesey Memorial Hall – 204145 Trustees AGM Tuesday 9th June 2015 – 7.30pm Swavesey Memorial Hall

Annual report on activities and accounts from the Trustees. Elections of Trustees for the forthcoming year. Trustees are nominated by hall user groups and residents of the village. Please do come along to learn more about your village hall and be involved with its management.

White Horse News

Hi! Coming up at the White horse we will continue to hold regular quiz nights and our popular rock and roll bingo nights! We're sure to have some more live music through the summer. Thanks to everyone for your perseverance, our beer garden will be complete soon! Thanks to everyone for their overwhelming and ongoing support!!

North Swavesey History Walk — Tuesday 21 July

Many readers will already have spotted the new noticeboard beside the cycle stands at Swavesey busway stop showing the village map, local services available and walks leading to the river. The initiative came from The Meridian magazine with the support of a generous grant from the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership. OWLP is a Heritage Lottery Fund grant-aided scheme with a very long list of members from Cambridge Archaeological Unit to RSPB, via Natural England and the Fen Skating Association to a host of local community projects such as ours. Swavesey wouldn't be where it is if it wasn't for its ancient links with the river Great Ouse.

An Ouse Washes Festival Fortnight with the theme of "Interaction between people and their environment" will be held from 20 to 31 July this year. As one of the numerous events and activities, a history walk around north Swavesey will be held on the evening of Tuesday 21 July. It will start at 7.00 p.m. beside the new noticeboard on the busway from where the course of one of the canals to the river can still be seen. Taking around an hour and a half, we will walk the short distance from the north island to finish in Market Street on the south island, covering the history of the buildings and environmental features of that part of our village on the way.

There will be no charge for this event but, to give an idea of numbers attending, please phone Christine and Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974 to book places.

Space for nature on the Swavesey Green?

'Tidying up' nature often results in the loss of what is special. It is often referred to 'cleaning up' as if this were needed, or somehow beneficial. People like to *control* everything around them, unexpected and untidy things somehow jar and are therefore out of place. Trees *must* be managed, their natural form and beauty isn't truly appreciated so the cutters and loppers come out.

There seems to be an epidemic of limb-cutting in Swavesey and the surrounding parishes at the moment. In Knapwell all the roadside trees, which have stood for some decades in their untidy, artistic, wayward forms have been systematically amputated. All lower branches cut off so that where we once had a varied and beautiful roadside of uniquely shaped and diverse trees we now have a line of lolly pop trees, all having lost their unique character and representing a line of uniformed soldiers. Discipline has been implemented on shambling nature. They were of no danger to man, child or vehicle, set back and graceful.

On Swavesey Green, one of my all-time favourite trees, a truly beautiful linden tree, a lime, has had similar tidying and cutting. The woodland flora sheltered below is now exposed and drying, the mowers come. The flower-laden branches which swung so low I could watch summer bees and smell the flowers are now gone and what's left is high up, out of reach and out of touch.

Is there not space for nature on Swavesey Green? Children are ever being more disconnected from nature's playgrounds, lolly pops will not suffice.

Barry O' Dowd

"An Opinion Piece" by Barry and the content does not necessarily represent the views of the Meridian Committee. Ed

Your Library Swavesey

Lighter evenings are here. Come to the Library for holiday Reading or Order and Collect.

We welcome families especially on our Tuesday opening and have a good range of books for young readers. We welcome adult readers at all times. There is Wi-Fi and computer access.

So keep coming!

If you are a member of the County Library service you can borrow all our books. You can order books and other material for collection at our Library. You and all your family can also join the library with us and borrow up to 12 books each! And remember - it's all Free!!

Opening hours are now

Tuesday	15.30 to 17.30
Wednesday	18.00 to 20.00
Thursday	18.00 to 20.00

And the first Saturday in every month 10am to 12noon

Your Library Committee can be contacted through:

Richard Hart	**202707**	**Sarah Hellon**	**230960**
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We always welcome volunteers to help man the Library so please join us and keep your library alive!!!

Doctors Surgeries

Swavesey Surgery
(01954) 230202
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Over Surgery
(01954) 231550
Out of hours 0330 123 9131

Longstanton
(01954) 207600
Out of hours 111

Bar Hill Surgery
(01954) 780442
Out of hours (01954) 780442 -
call will automatically be diverted

Fenstanton
7E High Street, Fenstanton
01480 461873
Out of hours 01480 461873.
call will automatically be diverted

See our website at www.swavesey.org.uk for the full and latest surgery newsletters. Ed

Extracts from the Longstanton/Willingham surgery newsletter

Summer holidays If you are travelling abroad this year do remember to book your appointment with the nurse 4-6 weeks before you travel to allow enough time to complete your travel vaccination course. If you are unsure whether you will need cover you can book a telephone appointment with a nurse who will ask where you are travelling and check your vaccination record.

Sun screen Wherever you are enjoying the summer months please take care of your skin in the sun. It is so important for everyone but especially for our young ones. Please ask our pharmacy staff for advice. We have a full range of sun screen products to suit everyone.

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

What's On at Swavesey Village College

Swavesey Village College Summer Sports Camp

Now taking bookings! Discounts for Early and Double Bookings
Running between 20th July and 28th August
INCLUDING: Football, Basketball, Mountain Biking, Climbing, Crazy Golf, Ultimate Frisbee and loads more.

Swavesey Indoor Climbing Wall

Climbing Party Bookings
Private Lessons or Groups
UV Glow in the Dark Climbing Party
NERF WARS Party
To book visit our website:
www.svcclimbingwall.com

Community Education
Saturday workshops:

6th June
Anger Management
Create a Website in a Day
Building Automata
...and More

20th June
Back to Basics Pilates
Family Craft Workshop
Blues Guitar
Digital Photography Day
...and More

Call 01954 230373 or email community@swaveseyvc.co.uk for bookings.

Also coming up at Swavesey Village College this term:

Tuesday 2nd June - Swavesy's Got Talent Finals
Sunday 14th June - The Festival of Youth
Wednesday 24th June - SVC's Summer Concert

The CMAT Cycle Challenge
Sunday 14th June 2015

The inaugural sportive is a great way to get involved in this exciting sport and ride with like-minded people. This will be a local, friendly event involving 2 routes, both starting and finishing at Swavesey Village College.

There are two routes; a shorter family route (16 miles) to help inspire the younger generation to take up this brilliant sport and a challenge route of 50 miles, nicknamed 'Cambridgeshire's not all flat' for those looking to push their cycling further. Money raised will go towards equipping the new Swavesey Village College Sports Hall and the Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice appeal.
Registration opens 18th April.
To find out more visit the website: www.cmatcyclechallenge.com

Swavesey Music School

9am – 10am	Sing Up	choir	4yrs – 12yrs
	Kate's Kindy	singing and musical games	pre-school
10am – 11am	Rockin' Rhythms I	interactive theory lessons	4yrs – 7yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms II		8+yrs
	Rockin' Rhythms III		Grade 3+
11am – 12pm	Junior Orchestra	instrumental ensemble	all levels; all ages
	Rock School	guitars, drums, vocals	9+yrs

Contact A.Caldwell to check availability beforehand!

Swavesey Music School
Swavesey Village College
Gibraltar Lane
Swavesey
CB24 4RS

Audrey Caldwell, Director of Music
acaldwell@swaveseyvc.co.uk
http://swaveseyms.co.uk/

Swavesey Music School

Kate's Kindy

Looking for a lively and creative approach to music for pre-school children?

Swavesey Music School offers a class with a comprehensive range of musical activities: singing, rhythm games, percussion, listening, performing, moving to music; led by an early-years' specialist.

'Kate's Kindy' is on Saturdays at 9 – 9.40am at
Swavesey Village College
Want to know more?
Contact Kate Woolf (01954 200975) or visit the website www.swaveseyms.co.uk

Swavesey Playtimers

Tuesday 10-11.30am
In the back room of the Bethel Church, different craft activities, stories and themes each week. £2

Wednesday 10–12noon
At the Memorial Hall, singing with Sharon from 11.15am, all ages. £4

All children under 5 welcome to these term-time toddler groups. Find out what is going on from our Facebook group – "Swavesey playgroups".
A great chance to meet local parents.

APRIL BURGESS MARTIN SCHOOL OF BALLET

Ballet classes at Over Primary School
Thursday afternoons for age 3+ - 16+

Please contact April Martin for information on places for the new term.

Qualified experienced teacher Associate of ARBTA
Member BDQT (DBS Checked)

☎ 01954 200533
tutusrus@ntlworld.com

CRB Disclosure & Barring Service

We have Brownies and Guides in Swavesey.
We would like to open a Rainbow group in Swavesey with your support!

Rainbows are girls aged five to seven and follow a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, through which they can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age.

I am considering starting such a unit but will need another adult to join me. I would envisage one evening a week during term time between about 5 and 6pm. Volunteers would need to undertake a DBS check.

We need girls too!

Do you have a daughter in, or approaching this age group who would be interes-tedin joining Rainbows?

http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get_involved/volunteer/register_your_interest.aspx
or to contact a local volunteer 1stSwaveseyRainbows@gmail.com

BATS

Baby **A**nd **T**oddler **S**ervices are informal services held on the second Monday of each month at 10:30am on the carpet at the back of St Andrew's church on Station Road, Swavesey.

All ages are welcome, but especially pre-school children and their parents and carers. Please join in with us for a story, songs, prayer, craft, drink and a biscuit, and a chance to chat with others.

When the second Monday occurs in the school holidays, please bring your school age children too.

If you would like to know more, then contact Caroline Stevens, by phone: 01954 231433 or email her at: caroline@overroad.co.uk

Forthcoming **BATS**
We continue the theme "Jesus loves me"
Monday 8th Jun 2015 – The son who went away
Monday 13th Jul 2015 – The hole in the roof

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
19 Needingworth Road, St Ives

Parish Priest: Father Edward Tredota
Assistant Priest: Father Marek Pabis

Tel: 01480 462192
www.sacredheart-stives.org
email: office@sacredheart-stives.org

Mass Times
Saturday 17.00 (Anticipatory)
Sunday 08.00 and 11.00

We also have a large hall available for hire.
Please contact the parish office for details.

The Parish and Priory Church of
St Andrew, Swavesey

A warm welcome awaits you at all the services and events of your parish church.

June and July Diary

Monday 1st June

11.30am Holy Communion at Thistle Green Community Room

Sunday 7th June — First Sunday after Trinity (Proper 5)

11.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 8th June

10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)

Sunday 14th June — Second Sunday after Trinity (Proper 6)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Parish Communion

Sunday 14th June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church

Swavesey Community Choir Summer Concert

Sunday 21st June — Third Sunday after Trinity (Proper 7)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Parish Communion

7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary *at St Andrew's, Swavesey*

Sunday 28th June — Fourth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 8)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion

Saturday 4th July

St Andrew's Summer Fête

2.30pm at St Andrew's Church
Stalls, games and refreshments

Sunday 5th July — Fifth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 9)

11.00am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Monday 6th July

11.30am Holy Communion at Thistle Green Community Room

Saturday 11th July

The Vicarage Garden Party

2.30pm at The Vicarage, Honey Hill, Fen Drayton

Sunday 12th July — Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 10)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Parish Communion

Monday 13th July

10.30am Baby And Toddler Service (BATS)

Sunday 19th July — Seventh Sunday after Trinity (Proper 11)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Parish Communion

7.00pm Sunday Sanctuary at Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday 26th July — Eighth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)

8.15am Holy Communion

11.00am Family Service with Holy Communion

To arrange weddings, baptisms, services of thanksgiving for the gift of a child, etc., please contact 01954 231903 or see the benefice website at
www.honeyhill.org

BETHEL 175

This year we are celebrating our 175th anniversary. We have a series of events lined up each month.

We hope that you will be able to join us in these celebrations.

Contact us:
admin@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

Or Join us on facebook
www.facebook.com/bethel175
to keep in touch with what is happening

COMPASS YOUTH CAFE

A drop-in session on Friday evenings from **7:00pm** - **9:00pm** for anyone from school **YR8** to **YR11.**

Come and go as you like!
Music, X-box games on the big screen, laptops, drinks & snacks.
FREE internet access!

LIVELY SUNDAY SERVICE
All WELCOME

Something for ALL the family!
10:45 am each week with Activities for children 0 — 16 years
First Sunday in the Month — 9:30 am service,
followed by Church around the coffee table at **10:45 am!**
Why not come and try it?

MONDAY NIGHT CLUBS
Explorers, Adventurers and Survivors
Fun and Games for Children in Keystages 1, 2 and 3 every Monday night during term-time.

Come and Join us at 6:00pm for an hour of fun activities as we learn about the Christian faith through stories, music and discussions. ***(Survivors meet at 7:00pm)***

For more information on weekly events:
Please feel free to contact David Mann, our minister at minister@bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk or 01954230458
www.bethelbaptistchurch.org.uk

PARISH AND COUNTY NEWS

From Your DC - Sue Ellington

Hello Everybody,
Well by the time you read this the election will be over and (hopefully) we shall know who will be governing us. In my experience over the last 9 years, whatever the colour of the governing party, they all interfere in local politics and expect councils to do the impossible without resources. The grant from Government for South Cambs District Council has been cut by over £800,00 this year and is expected to continue to be reduced over the next three years. This leaves two choices, cut services and make staff redundant or find ways to save or earn income to maintain the current level of service. South Cambs has decided that there will be no reduction of services. The new housing Company called Ermine Housing will be developed to support the council budget and provide housing, and a programme of shared services with other local councils will reduce costs and ensure the books balance.

There is one other source of funding which I should explain because I am sure it will be in the press over the next year. The Government which obviously wants to provide more houses in this area, has said they will pay a bonus to councils for all the new houses which are built. Clearly South Cambs has a significant new homes programme and therefore is in line to receive a considerable sum, but the Council has had to agree to pay £5 million towards the A14 upgrade or the Government would not agree to it being upgraded and therefore Northstowe could not be built. Some Councils, who have not got the expense of the A14 , are using this new homes bonus to support their budget but South Cambs feel that successive Governments may discontinue this grant and it would be unwise to rely on it.

While I am being controversial, I have been told that The City Council are very concerned about the congestion in Cambridge and are seeking to devise ways of reducing it. Whilst I agree it is a nightmare to get across town and into Cambridge during the rush hour I am totally against congestion charging. It seems to me that that will affect South Cambs residents more than anybody else and there must be other ways of reducing traffic. But I have to agree that charging people to park at the park and ride plus their bus fare, is perverse, when those who go into town in their car and have a work place car park, go free. The other issue is “where does the City start?” Will Girton residents have to pay to go home? Certainly a very controversial issue!

I am most concerned about the proposed move of the Post Office. I am asking fellow councillors whether they are experiencing the same treatment by the Post Office and feel this could give a stronger voice for fighting the move. Our Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate Heidi Allen has agreed to support us.

Have a great summer and call me if I can help. 01954 202923 or 07774146331.
Sue Ellington
South Cambridgeshire District Councillor for Swavesey

Robert"Bobby" Mitham R.I.P.

Bobby and I both started school at Swavesey Primary on the same day in 1953 and subsequently went through primary school together, before very long we were also both going to the Church Sunday School, which at that time was held in the Old School building opposite the Village Green. Shortly after this my family moved from Boxworth End to the High Street, just a stones throw from the Mitham family home in Station Road which soon resulted in us spending time in each others houses and also his father`s workshop and outbuildings behind his Gran`s house, which is now part of Chequers Court. Much of our holiday time was spent in Market St. playing cricket, football and even marbles - a far cry from today`s scenario. Bobby was a member of the village wolf cubs progressing to the scouts when we became of age, which entailed various camps and expedition outings.

It wasn`t long before we both joined the Church choir along with Bobby`s elder brother Peter and we were confirmed at the same service in Conington Church by the Bishop of Ely, after which Bobby and myself were later to serve at the altar in St Andrews with the Rev.Harold Scott. We also joined Dr.Ford`s Sunday School in the Manor with a broad group of village youth.

After passing our 11 plus exams along with 5 or 6 others, thanks to dear old Gert Thoday, we were all put into a special class for the last few weeks of that final term and had to come up with a project. Bobby & myself joined forces on our subject of the Antarctic, as this was just after Vivian Fuchs expedition to the South Pole, and we received some interesting assistance and information from the The Antarctic Survey. The following year Bobby came on holiday with my family to Butlin`s camp in Skegness where we had a fun week, only seeing my parents at meal times.

The Village College had just opened so Bobby and myself went along with a couple of other lads to the evening table tennis classes and subsequently spent a couple of seasons representing the village in the Cambs league, we didn`t win anything but we had fun meeting a lot of different people and going to different parts of the County in a beaten up old Land Rover as we were all well below driving age.

For the next 5 years we were both part of a small band of childhood friends who made the daily journey by train to & from Cambridge to go to our respective schools, with many an hour being spent trying to keep warm on Swavesey station whilst waiting for delayed trains. Bobby attended Queen Edith`s Grammar school.

Bobby was a good footballer and we played together in the primary school team of which he was captain and later when aged about 14 we were turning out for Swavesey reserves, Bobby then went on to play regularly for both Swavesey teams but by this time my musical interests were slowly dragging me away and apart from the regular contact with the village community in which I had grown up. From that point our lives took very different routes with Bobby studying and becoming an accomplished architect being involved in several local projects, though our paths continued to cross at certain functions more-so after I moved back to the village on a permanent basis.

Farewell old friend & rest in peace.

Will

OWLS celebrates 2000th journey

OWLS Community Car Scheme provides a much needed service enabling those people who are unable to access other means of transport to attend medical appointments or make some social journeys. Since it began in 2011 OWLS has seen a year on year increase in journeys driven and in March 2015 it reached a milestone 2000 journeys.

Customers live in Over, Willingham, Longstanton and Swavesey (hence OWLS) and pay 30p a mile with a minimum charge of £3. Whilst most of us take it for granted that we can get out and about statistics show that a third of all OWLS journeys are actually to enable customers to access services within their own village such as the doctors, hair-dressers, opticians and local shop.

OWLS could not operate without its band of volunteer coordinators and drivers who give their time so willingly. Drivers use their own cars and receive 45p a mile (30p from client +15p from C.C.C). Additional insurance cover is provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and volunteers have to undergo a DBS (formerly CRB) check. Drivers indicate times/days when they might be available - in practice about 4 journeys a month is very helpful. So can you help maintain this very important Community service?

For further details or to book a journey please ring the scheme's mobile number: 07505 254363 between 9am and 4pm Monday – Friday.

JUNE BULLETIN FROM CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Think twice before jumping into water this summer

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the water? Or how cold the water is?

Your fire service has pledged to deliver water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire following the tragic death of a teenage boy last summer.

But there is only so much we can do and we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you know how to swim
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold – even on the hottest days of the year – and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you get stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk . Find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Call 01480 444500 for enquiries.

Stamford Welland Academy | NenePark Academy | West Town Primary Academy | Swavesey Village College | North Cambridge Academy

Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust
CYCLE CHALLENGE
SUNDAY 14th June 2015

CMAT CYCLE CHALLENGE:

Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust is delighted to be launching a brand new event to their calendar, this time involving 2 wheels.

The inaugural sportive is a great way to get involved in this exciting sport and ride with like-minded people. This will be a local, friendly event involving 2 routes, both starting and finishing at Swavesey Village College.

A shorter family route (16 miles); to encourage families to take part together and inspire the younger generation to take up this brilliant sport and the challenge route of 50 miles, nicknamed 'Cambridgeshire's not all flat' for those looking to push their cycling further.

Money raised will go towards equipping the new ***Swavesey Village College Sports Hall*** and the ***Sue Ryder Thorpe Hall Hospice appeal.***

SWAVESEY FESTIVAL OF YOUTH:

Running parallel to the CMAT Cycle Challenge is the **Swavesey Action for Youth Festival,** which will celebrate all local youth groups and organisations in the area.

This will include numerous activities for cyclists and non-cyclists to get involved with, including demonstrations from *Stylebicycle.*

Start:

Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambridgeshire CB24 4RS.
The Cycle Challenge (U16 Parent Consent) starts between 9:00 - 10am and the Family Ride between 10:00 – 11.00am.

To get involved sign up on our website:
www.cmatcyclechallenge.com

CMAT Cycle Challenge

@CMATCycle

Race Directors:
Simon Russell/Kate Sealy

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ksealy@swaveseyvc.co.uk

CMAT | Cambridge Meridian Academies Trust

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News January February 2015

The Post Office
Following on from the Annual Parish meeting, a major topic was the proposed move of the Post Office from Market Street to Middle Watch, for which the official PO consultation is open until 21st May. The PC has received a considerable number of comments opposed to the proposed move and arranged a Public Meeting in the Memorial Hall, which the regional PO Public Affairs Manager agreed to attend. The meeting chaired by the PC Chairman enabled the PC to formulate its own comments at the Council AGM on May 18th.

County Council
A further complaint to be sent regarding the chaotic situation of the street lighting which, one year on, has still to be completed and would seem to be a result of lack of communication between the main contractors Balfour Beatty & the UK Power Network. Before we know it the clocks will be going back & the evenings drawing in!

Surface water drainage or rather lack of, is still an issue in Black Horse Lane and the PC is awaiting a reply from the Highways Dept. as to how & when this long outstanding matter is going to be resolved.

An application will be made for the provision of a footpath connecting the entrance to Pine Grove Park with the bus stop opposite Rose & Crown Rd, thereby preventing the necessity of crossing the road twice at a busy location outside the local surgery.

Parking on the grass verge continues to be a problem in Middle Watch & the PC is endeavouring to find a suitable solution.

An application has been lodged for a temporary closure of Fen Drayton Rd. between the Rose & Crown Rd junction & the Moat Way roundabout to prevent long traffic delays on the evening of the College Prom, Saturday June 27th, for the 2 hours between 1800 & 2000.

District Council
A request has been received for a deed of easement to enable surface water & sewerage from the new Fen Drayton Rd affordable housing development to be connected to the main system at the entrance to Moat Way via pipes beneath the intermediate Open Space Parish land.

Following a Government statement regarding the Right-to-buy the PC has requested a further meeting with the Housing Portfolio Holder in an attempt to clarify the situation regarding this development.

The PC`s presentation regarding the non-compliance with existing planning conditions relating to the Land Drainage at the recent Northstowe Joint Committee meeting received enormous support by the Committee. The meeting was brought to an inconclusive end after 6 hours of debate & is due to be re-convened in July. Watch this space!

Village
If the Parish speed-watch is to succeed more volunteers are required, so, if the traffic speed in the village is of concern to you & you feel strongly enough to want to do something about it, please contact the Clerk for details.

COUNCIL NEWS

The PC is looking to move forward with the marking of parking bays in Market St, yellow lines around the top of the Green & the provision of cycle racks, and is also discussing the renovation of the Village Sign. A site meeting has been arranged with the owners of 37 Market St. for discussions on potential development of the site.

A Public meeting was arranged in the Memorial Hall in relation to a planning application for a development of 30 dwellings to the rear of 18 Boxworth End.

Several grant requests have been considered and respective payments made from various specific ring-fenced funds.

The PC together with the Spartans football club is working to submit a grant application for funding towards major drainage work on the recreation green. Grant awards will be confirmed at the end of June and if successful, work would be carried out late summer.

Council Agendas, Minutes and current issues can all be found on the Parish Council webpage at www.swavesey.org.uk

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Safeguarding Adults Newsletter (Spring 2015)

Cambridgeshire's Safeguarding Adults Board have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter which can be downloaded from the County Council website. It includes useful information and updates for people who use services, families and carers, the general public, and professionals who work with adults.

To download the newsletter go to:-
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca and follow the link to:-
'Newsletters, fact sheets and resources'.

Cambridge Open Studios

Cambridge Open Studios is a flourishing community of over 470 artists, craftspeople and designer-makers working throughout Cambridgeshire. Their aim is to help bring artists and local people together.

Each July they invite the public to visit their workshops and studios as part of the annual Open Studios event. This provides an opportunity for you to see their work and find out about the techniques they use and the passions that inspire them. The 2015 Open Studios will take place over the four weekends of July. Details of the artists taking part can be found on their July Open Studio pages at http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk//cos search/a-to-z-grid

Artists in the Swavesey area include:-

Over Gallery - Four Weekends Four Artists Open July 4-5, 11-12, 18-9 & 25-26
High Street Over, CB24 5NB

Paula Armstrong - Ceramics/sculpture, textiles. Open July 4-5 & 11-12
Unit 1e, Highgate Farm, Over Road,
Willingham, CB24 5EU

One-off Arts (Group of four artists) Glass, jewellery, sculpture. Open July 11-12 & 18-19
124 Boxworth End, Swavesey, CB24 4RA

Chris Lockwood - Watercolour, acrylics. Open July 11-12 & 18-19
'Garden House', 33 Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton, Cambridge, CB24 4SL

The online catalogue can be found at:-
http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk/attachments/cos-2015-guide

Swavesey Parish Council – Annual Report Summary 2014-15

This past year has been another busy year for the parish council. Below is a summary Annual Report. Copies of the full Report will be available from June at various locations around the village as well as on the Parish Council's website www.swavesey.org.uk

Later this year we hope to have a new website available, where we can provide information and updates on parish council news, village issues, consultations and meetings. We will also set up a facebook page, to make our news available to a wider range of residents.

Finance

The Parish Council's income is received from the Parish Precept, which is collected through the Council Tax. For 2014/15 the Precept was £53,290.

The main areas of expenditure during 2014/15 were:

- Administration costs
- Grants to village organisations
- Grounds maintenance (grasscutting, etc) and village maintenance
- Loan repayments for the 2011 grant to the Community Sports Pavilion
- Grant towards the Community Warden Scheme
- The biggest item of expenditure this past year was the project to refurbish the children's play area in Moat Way, where new equipment was provided with a mix of grant funding and parish council funds

Expenditure for 2014/15 has included:

Admin/Office costs, Insurances, Staff, Subscriptions	£36,206
Grants:To village organisations, projects, Community Warden Scheme	£9,374
Agency Services reimbursed (verge cutting for CCC)	£1,507
Grounds Maintenance	£5,252
Loan Repayments - Sports Pavilion	£4,885
Recreation/Play Area/Village Maintenance	£3,863
Capital	£576
Moat Way Play Area refurbishment	£39,953

At the end of 2014/15 reserves are:

Funding set aside for specific projects (eg Youth Work, Parish Plan projects, Community Grants, Village improvements, etc)	£6,131
S106 Funds (Indoor and Outside Community Facilities)	£29,223
Admin/insurance/contingency (Legal, Election costs)	£2,403
Village Maintenance	£4,372
General Fund	£23,162

2015/16 Budget

In finalising the budget for 2015/16, the Precept has been set at £54,800, a rise of approx 2.95% on last year's precept, costing each band D property £59.39 per year.

Parish Council work during 2014/15:

- Community Grants: Cemetery and Churchyard maintenance, Memorial Hall Charity, Community Warden Scheme, Thistle Green Sheltered Housing community garden, Social Circle Club.
- Consulted on many local planning applications.
- Continued discussions with South Cambs District Council regarding flood risk concerns, riverbank and drain maintenance and proposals relating to Northstowe and Cambourne developments and Uttons Drove Sewage Treatment Works.
- Successful grant funding of £35,000 towards provision of new play equipment for the children's play area in Moat Way.
- Opening of Buckingway Road cycle/foot path in September 2014.
- Ongoing discussions with the County Council, Police and both schools with regard to parking issues around School Lane, Middlewatch and Gibraltar Lane.
- Discussions with Police re speeding concerns and the setting up of a village Speedwatch Group.
- Following discussions with the County Council, the extending of the guided busway drop-off site, to provide space for local parking as well as drop-off & collect.
- Review of the Parish Emergency Plan, to provide contact details and help in local emergency situations.
- Consultation re improvements to parking arrangements and highway safety in Market Street.
- Swan Pond – removal of overgrown reeds with assistance from local volunteers.

For the forthcoming year 2015/16:

- Continued support and provision of grants to village projects and community groups.
- Implement chosen options for parking improvements to Market Street.
- Continue work with football clubs to provide ground maintenance and drainage improvements to the recreation green.
- In association with AgeUK Cambridgeshire, continued support of our Community Warden Scheme, enabling residents aged 60 and over to continue to live independently within their own homes.
- Respond to consultations from County, District and other organisations and work closely with our District and County Councillors.
- Support of the Neighbourhood Policing Team & village NHW scheme and continue to promote the Speedwatch initiative.
- Design and implementation of a new village and parish council website, to include use of facebook and other social media platforms to improve communications with all residents.

Our thanks to the volunteers who continue to help manage and maintain our village ponds, Constable's Rood and other public areas. Also our thanks to all of the volunteer litter clearers in the village who continue to help keep our village tidy.

I would also like to thank those residents who attend our Parish Council meetings and everyone who responds to and supports the work of the Council. I hope that you have found this summary report of interest and that you will read through the full report, which will be available during June.

Martin Johnston, Chairman – Swavesey Parish Council

SWAVESEY PARISH COUNCIL
EMERGENCY PLAN

This document is for use in the case of an incident where either life or property is at risk.

The most important contribution that you can make in most incidents is to promptly alert the Emergency Services and maintain a line of communication.

ACTION

1 Dial 999 and provide contact details
(Note – the Police will alert the Local Authority if necessary)

2 Contact the Cambridgeshire Emergency Management Team on 01223 718631 and advise them of the incident, stating where and what has taken place.
(This line is managed by the County Council and staffed 24 hours a day)

3 Contact one of the following:

Parish Clerk	01954 202982	07810 385509
Martin Johnston (Chairman	01954 200605	07854 352855
John Pook (Vice-Chairman)	01954 230978	07765 058061
Lisa Boyes	01954 232134	07747 002296
James Dodson	01954 230560	07761 841299
Stuart Faben	01954 202820	07887 906982
John Jullien	01954 202251	07906 669317
Hannah Parish	01954 203035	07786 166991
Colin Parsons	01954 230861	07836 631041
Sandie Smith	01954 232356	07806 709939
Keith Wilderspin	01954 230083	07850 599016
Warren Wright	01954 203172	07795 064728

(Note – the first person who initiates the contact with the Emergency Services should remain on the contact number they give until such time as an alternative contact point is established and details passed to the Emergency Services.)

4 The first one of the above who arrives on the scene should ensure that no.'s 1 and 2 have been actioned. All who are contacted should bring their mobile phones with them to the assembly point.)

ASSEMBLY POINTS

Main assembly point: Swavesey Memorial Hall
Key holders - Hall Administrator 07963 861791
Parish Clerk 01954 202982

Alternative Assembly Points

In case of the Memorial Hall area being inaccessible alternative Assembly Points are:

1. Bethel Church
Key holder - Rev David Mann 01954 231927
07886917374

2. Swavesey Pavilion, Recreation Green
Key Holder – Gary Peet 01954 202459 (Home)
01954 230197 (Work)
07976359494 (Mobile)

DISTRICT COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Tel: 03450 450 063 (Monday to Friday 8am to 5.30pm)
01253 501055 (Outside these hours - Environmental Health Duty Officer)
Web: https://www.scambs.gov.uk/content/flooding

POWER CUTS

UK Power have a Priority Register for people who may be particularly vulnerable in case of a power cut. People who sign up for this register will get an information booklet, text or phone updates during any power cut and extra support from The Red Cross if needed.
Go to their website to sign up:
http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/psr-download/

LOCAL RESOURCES

Polly Wilderspin	Neighbourhood Watch	01954 230083
Doctor	Swavesey Surgery, Boxworth End	01954 230202
James Tait	Volunteers (via Swavesey Spartans)	07768 305151
Gary Peet	4x4, horsebox	07976 359494

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Environment Agency	https://www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/get-help-during-a-flood 0345 9881188
County Council Flooding Helpline (only activated in severe floods)	01223 718631
Electricity - UK Power	0800 31 63 105
Gas	0800 111 999
Anglian Water	03457 145 145
Cambridge Water	01223 706050

Countdown to Cambridgeshire Community Fair 2015 begins

The first-ever Cambridgeshire Community Fair will be taking place on Tuesday 2 June 2015 at the Burgess Hall in St Ives.

The Community Fair is being organised by local rural development charity, Cambridgeshire ACRE and aims to help communities think about how they can fund, build and do more in their own villages and towns.

The event is being run as a drop-in style event from 3pm – 9pm, in the hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend for at least part of the event. It's completely free of charge to attend and no booking is required – just turn up on the day.

People can find more information about the event, including the programme of speakers and a list of which organisations will be exhibiting in the marketplace by visiting the event website at: www.cambscommunityfair.wordpress.com.

Advice for Adults

Information and advice for adults and older people is changing

Cambridgeshire County Council, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group and Uniting Care are working together and with the voluntary sector to improve the information and advice available to the general public as well as service users, in order to help them with care and support. This is part of our changes in response to the Care Act.

New site address is: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupport

The site is expected to be the first port of call for information for everyone - staff, volunteers and the public, based on subjects that the public and staff have requested, with more specific links to other local or national sites for more specialist detail. We understand that people also want to talk to people to start to understand options, what they can do themselves and where to get help. The publicly promoted telephone number is: 0345 045 5202 and people can go into their local library to get help if they do not have online access.

Summer at the Museums 2015

www.cam.ac.uk/museums/summer

Discover summer adventure and fun on your doorstep
23 July – 2 September 2015
Pack more into your holidays this summer and join museums in Cambridge and beyond for some family fun and adventure.

THE SWAVESEY PATCH

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

We all know that drink driving is a crime and that roadside breath test machines are used in the first instance to test for this…but…

new science has made it possible for police officers to check for drivers driving under the influence of drugs also.

The government have brought in a new law making it illegal to drive whilst under the influence of drugs that might impair driving ability and the police have test kits to enable prosecution. These will show levels of illegal drugs that impair driving ability and may also flag up certain prescription drugs which may do likewise, as test kits are being constantly improved. They will as a consequence become even more sensitive and to a wider spectrum of substances and so in time will lead to even more prosecutions.

If you are in doubt as to your prescription or, indeed, if you are wondering if you are still fit to drive, please do check with your doctor.

Consequences of drug driving
For the driver: These will be significant and comprise; a criminal record; loss of licence for a period of at least a year; or maybe a fine of up to £5,000.

For others: a life could be lost or maimed for ever.

Not worth it….
Village coordinator polly wilderspin, polly.wilderspin@btinternet.com

There has been an increase in theft in the Cambridgeshire area. This ranges from burglary of households and industrial units, contents from cars and vans, the theft of catalytic converters and also bicycles stolen from bus stops along the length of the busway.

The police recommend removing valuable items from vehicles and recording the frame number of bicycles. It is also worth recording the serial number of valuable equipment and logging the information on www.immobilise.com so that any recovered items can be identified by the police and returned to their owner. Proving ownership of an item also helps the police to get a conviction when crooks are found in possession of stolen property. *Ed*

Sorry, Not in Service

I've been on the Guided Bus a few times recently, both to Addenbrookes and to St. Ives. You don't have to wait long for a bus to either destination, but we have spent many hours at the hospital anxiously waiting to be seen by a doctor with a backlog. You can't go far when you get there, and having read the same newspaper twice, and the same magazines you read on a previous visit, you have time to think of things unrelated to the woe and misery around you.

Being something of a bus and train fanatic, I found myself likening life to a trip on the Guided Bus. You start off your Journey in the depot which, like a hospital, checks you over and sends you on your way. You follow the bus tracks until you reach the first station, which may be starting at nursery or primary school, unless the bus driver, who is not required to hold on to the steering wheel, makes a mistake and derails your prospects, or your parents' plans for you.

You pass through other stations, stopping at some, like marriage and parent-hood or university (called the Regional College on the Busway), and stop briefly at Swavesey, where we have enjoyed living for over forty years when real trains ran on the line. You may alight at St. Ives park and ride, where your carer and wheelchair are waiting to take you to a care home called something like Granola, which they also feed to you – ugh!

Most passengers leave the bus at the home of a Saint, (Ives or Ivo in this case), but some stay on for the longer journey to far distant places like Peterborough (sometimes known as Hell if you don't like shopping), but wherever you stop, you are likely to end up back where you started, either in hospital or stuck in a traffic jam of fellow travellers waiting to be seen by a rare doctor.

Then, back in the Depot, now known as the Biomedical Campus, they decide you are no longer fit for purpose (also known as DNR), and instead of a real place on the destination board of life, they put "Sorry, not in Service". I rather like the sound of that as an epitaph, as most of the ordinary buses that pass through Swavesey would remind people of me.

John Ardley

Community Groups & Charities

Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:-www.camsight.org.uk
CAMTAD	CAMTAD is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, e-mail admin@camtadcambs.org.uk or check the web-site www.camtadcambs.org.uk.
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919).
Community First Responder Scheme	The local group in Over and Swavesey has provided help over many hours and attended over 20 patients in your community. You can support the group and help to fundraise for equipment or volunteer to become a Community First Responder within your community. Contact:- responderadmin@eastamb.nhs.uk or call 01284 731802
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People	Hearing Dogs for Deaf People is a national charity and centre of excellence in training dogs to alert deaf people to important sounds and danger signals in the home, work place and public buildings. Contact:- Jenny Parker (Branch Organiser and Speaker) 01223 833562 (evenings only), jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com
The Friends of the Rosie Hospital	The Friends of the Rosie Hospital are helping to make the Rosie a more comfortable environment for mothers and babies. Contact:- Mrs Mary Sanders (Hon Chair) rosieinstitches@ukonline.co.uk Tel 01223 356615
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815 134, email clare.bates@each.org.uk
Community Resourcing	We have a small group of local volunteers (local residents from our community) who would like to help other members of our community with any practical tasks. Contact:- Parish Council Tel: 01954 202982 or Email: clerk@swavesey.org.uk
Help the Heroes	We support those wounded in the service of our country. Contact:- 01480 478526
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by CRB checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver
Swavesey Village College Community Education	Evening courses in a variety of subjects and day workshops. Contact:- Adult Education, Swavesey Village College, Gibraltar Lane, Swavesey, Cambs, CB24 4RS. Telephone: 01954 230373 E-mail: community@swaveseyvc.co.uk Website: www.swaveseyvc.co.uk

CLUB INFORMATION

Allotments in Swavesey	Down Hale Road towards the windmill and on the right there are 61 plots, mostly 150 sq yds (125 m2) in area, backed up by eight water tanks. Large yields of a wide range of high quality vegetable, fruit and flower crops can be grown successfully. If you are interested in joining the waiting list contact Selwyn Richardson on 01954 202974.
Army Cadet Force	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. Contact - Alan Stagg on 01480 830708
Bell Ringers	Practice night Tuesdays, 7.30-9.00pm at St Andrew's Church. New ringers of all ages welcome. Contact Tower Captain Andrew Stevens on (01954 231433) for details. Email: andrew@overroad.co.uk Website: www.honeyhill.org/bells.htm
British Legion	For information contact:- Chairman - Robert W Bond (01954) 203645 or Secretary Angela Dye (01954) 230484
Fenland Squash Club	If you are interested in playing squash at Swavesey Village College then contact Geoff Green on (01954 231000) Website: www.fenlandsquash.org.uk
British Tang Soo Do Institute	British Tang Soo Do Institute practices the Korean martial art of Tang Soo Do. Our club training covers self defence techniques and many aspects of fitness including flexibility, coordination, conditioning, balance and discipline helping to promote a healthy lifestyle. Our clubs welcome mixed abilities of all ages. After school clubs are held for Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Tuesdays at the Memorial Hall, Swavesey; and Infants (3.45pm to 4.15pm) and Juniors (4.15pm to 5.15pm) on Thursdays at Fen Drayton Village Hall. Evening classes for all ages are held on Monday 6.30-8pm at Cambridge Regional College Sports Hall, Wednesday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Village Hall, and Friday 6.30-8pm at Fen Drayton Primary School. For further information please contact Master Jeff Cockram on 07863 345681 or jeff@btsdi.co.uk Website: www.btsdi.com
Over District Rainbows, Brownies & Guides	Over Rainbows: Monday & Tuesday, 5.30pm-6.30pm, Over Primary School - Over Brownies: Wednesday, 6.00pm-7.30pm, Thursday 5.30-7.00pm, Over Church Hall - Over Guides: Tuesday, 7.00pm-9.00pm, Over Church Hall - District Commissioner Jeanette Fenn 01954 232283 jeanette.fenn@hotmail.co.uk
1st Swavesey Brownies	Meet 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Swavesey Memorial Hall every Monday. We are always looking for new girls and parent helpers. Please contact Catherine Groves (Brown Owl) tel. (01954 202648) or mobile 07969 815198 if you are interested in participating. Email:- brownowl01@virginmedia.com

Swavesey Badminton Club	Located at the Swavesey Village College Sports Centre. The Club offers a high standard of play at club nights on Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and on Fridays from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. We play competitive badminton in the Cambridge leagues and run men's, women's and mixed teams. Contact Helen Taylor on 01954 230997 Email: enquiries@swaveseybadminton.net website: http://www.swaveseybadminton.net/
Swavesey Billiards and Snooker Club	For information/membership please contact Graeme Waites (01954 230113)
Swavesey Camera Club	Meet every Thursday, 7.30-9.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Non-members welcome (£4.00 charge). For further details ring Peter Looper (01954) 202461
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in St. Cecilia's Hall at SVC, from 7.30pm - 9pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Chrissie Richardson 07881 824095. Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk
1st Swavesey Cub Pack	The Cubs meet at the Scout Hut every Tuesday - 6:15pm – 7:30pm & Friday 5:30pm – 6:45pm. Leader Lynda Mayer 01954 204768 Email:- s.mayer@ntlworld.com
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Lecture Room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Meet each Wednesday evening at 7pm until 8pm in the Sports Hall at SVC. Anyone interested should contact Stewart Smith on (01954) 200068 or s2art50@lycos.co.uk
Swavesey Institute Football Club	New players always welcome, please contact Phil Baines on 01954 200377 [Saturday sides] or Jerry Ladell on (01954) 201018 [Veterans side].
Swavesey Kids Club	Swavesey Kids Club provides craft/play activities and care for children before and after school, in a friendly and secure environment. Breakfast Club – meets from 7.30am in the Primary School Hall, with breakfast available until 8.15am. After School Club meets 3.15pm-6.00pm week-days in term time at Swavesey Primary School. For information about either club please contact Carol Panther (manager) 07803812221
Linedance	Linedance classes held on Wednesday mornings at the Bethel Baptist Chapel 9-30 to 11-30am and Fridays at the Memorial Hall 7-15 to 9-15pm. All levels welcome, from absolute beginners to intermediates. Contact Deborah Walker 01954231382 email deborahwalker105@talktalk.net

Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College Only £3.00 per session. For further details contact: Audrey Caldwell: acaldwell.chk@swaveseyvc.co.uk
Swavesey & Over Conservation Society	Autumn/Winter meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at Over Town Hall starting in September at 7.30pm Contacts: Frances Parish: 01490 498301 or Pat Miles 01954 780485 if you need further information. New members always welcome!
Swavesey & Over Tennis Club	Club night 1 October to 1 April is on Monday, 7.30pm. From 1 April – 30 September there will be club nights on both Mondays and Fridays. We welcome new members from anywhere in the locality. Further information from John Graham john.graham@sotennis.co.uk or website http://swaveseyandovertennisclub.btck.co.uk/
Swavesey RADSoc	Friendly local drama group staging two or three productions a year. New members always welcome. Contact: Chris Avery (01954) 781233. Visit our website at www.swaveseyradsoc.org.uk.
Swavesey Ramblers	Meet last Sunday of every month 10.00am in the Market Street for 5-6 mile walk. Tel 230650 and speak to Glynn & Sue Jones for more information
1st Swavesey Guides	We meet from 6:30pm to 8.15pm in Bethel Baptist Church Hall every Thursday during term time. For more details please contact Claire Hagger chhagger@gmail.com.
1st Swavesey Sea Scouts	The Scout Group meets every Friday during term time at the Scout Hut on the SVC site (between the youth centre and the squash courts) from 7.30pm. Scout Leader is Andrew Batey; contact: scouts@onthemeridian.org.uk
Swavesey Spartans	For information or player enquires please contact- Chairman - JamesTait Tel: 01954 232183 Secretary - David Rudderham Tel:01954 203258 swaveseyspartanssec@gmail.com Child Welfare Officer- Teresa Sarkar Tel: 01954 231079 Website- http://www.swaveseyspartansfc.co.uk or find us on Facebook
Swavesey Tang Soo Do Club	Classes are held Monday 18:30-20:00 in the main hall at the Primary School, Swavesey and Wednesday 18:30-20:00 in the Memorial Hall. We are a family run club offering Martial Arts training in a friendly atmosphere. Training is available for all ages from 5 and over. Children, adult beginners, family groups and people with previous martial arts experience are all welcome. Contact Louise Morton on 07711 256512 Email: enquiries@swaveseytsd.co.uk - website: http://www.swaveseytsd.co.uk/
Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Linda Saunders (01954) 201162

MAGAZINE ADVERTISING RATES

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For a one year inclusion i.e. six issues.

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Full page	£176	£250
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Quarter page	£55	£80

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For all advertising details please contact:
Rob Wills Tel: 01954 232947 or Email:adverts@swavesey.org.uk

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Send a Meridian Magazine subscription to your favourite Auntie, or to a friend who has recently left the village.

Six issues (one year) costs only £9.00.

Send a cheque (made out to 'The Meridian Magazine') and the address of the recipient, to:-
Jan Waller, Meridian Subscriptions,
35 Carters Way, Swavesey, Cambridge, CB4 5RZ

NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR EVENTS

Please use this form to notify us of any major events you are organising so that we can publish the dates in the magazine and on the website at www.swaveseymeridian.co.uk It is hoped this will avoid major events clashing on the same day. Please send to the Editor, 14 Black Horse Lane, Swavesey.

Event _____

Location _____ Date _____ Time _____

Contact Name _____ Tel No. _____

BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES & SPECIAL OCCASIONS

If you would like to mark any occasion that is special to you or somebody that you know by announcing it in this magazine, please fill in the form below.

Also supply your name and contact details, and return to the Editor by the copy date. We will endeavour to include it in our next issue.

SHORT MESSAGE:

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USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS & WEB SITES		
Doctor's Surgery (Swavesey)	01954-230202	
Doctor's Surgery (Over)	01954-231550	
Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Neighbourhood Watch	01954 230083	www.swavesey.org.uk/nhw
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312	preschool@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk
Swavesey Primary School	01954-273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954-230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
Community Office	01954-230373	
Swavesey Post Office	01954-230201	
Cambridgeshire County Council:		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries
South Cambs District Council	0345 045 0500	www.scambs.gov.uk
Electricity (UK Power Networks): Emergencies	0800-7838838	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800-111999	www.nationalgrid.com/uk/gas
Water (Cambridge Water Company):	01223-706050	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	08457 145145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0845 988 1188	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Incident Reporting Line (pollution etc)	0800 807060	
Samaritans	08457-909090	www.samaritans.org.uk
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Accident & Emergency	01223-217118	
General	01223-245151	
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NHS Direct	0845 4647	www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
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Cambridgeshire CC Bus Information		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport
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"Maltese Bus" by Paul Broom

The Parish and Priory Church of St Andrew, Swavesey

Summer Fete

Saturday 4th July

St Andrew's Church

2.30pm

FREE ENTRY

Refreshments ♦ Jewellery
Books ♦ Home-Made Cakes
Tombolas ♦ Games ♦ Draw
And lots more...